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There was once a little girl named Mehitable who lived in a strange hot country. She had no one to play with but her little dog Ming.

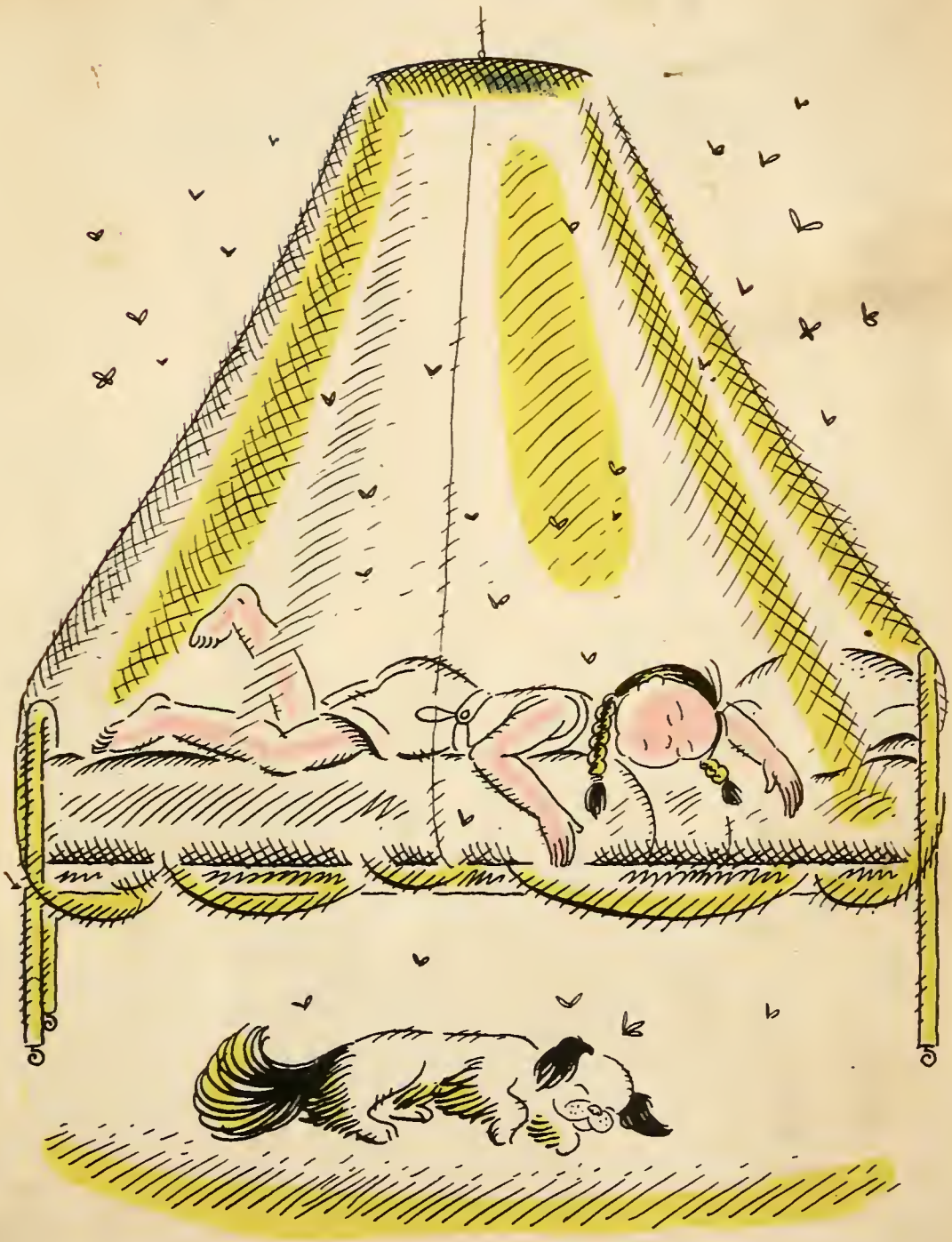
Every day they had breakfast together.

WEBSTER

After breakfast Ming was very good and waited patiently while Mehitable recited her lessons to her Governess.

SPELLING

After lunch they both took naps.



In the afternoon they went for a walk
and sometimes they swam in the sea.

One day on the way home they stopped to see a little new baby and his mother. It was then that Mehitable thought of a new game.

SOAP

When they reached home she dressed Ming in her doll's clothes just as if he were a baby. He looked so funny that Mehitable laughed and laughed. But Ming did not think it was funny.

He ran and hid and Mehitable looked everywhere for him.

She found him in the scrap basket.

She pretended he was a baby, and washed his face with soap.

IVORY

And then he ran so far away she could not find him at all.

Mehitable was very lonesome for days and days.

Her Governess gave her a little white chicken to play with.

Mehitable thought it would be prettier if she painted its wings blue and pink.

When she had to go to bed, she tied the chicken to a tree.

But the next morning only the string was there.

Then she found a little brown bat who hung upside down on a chair.

But he did not like to live in a house
and at night he flew away.

She met a very big dog but when she tried to pat his head he growled at her.

She tried to make friends with a monkey who was hanging from a tree but he stole her hat.

And then he sat on a branch and made fun of her.

So when Mehitable took a walk with her Governess she felt very sad for she had no one to play with.

One day they came to a house built on posts like most of the houses in that country. A pig and some chickens lived under it.

And there was Ming peeking at her
from behind a post.

He looked hungry and tired so she picked him up and carried him home.

Then she gave him a large plate of rice and gravy.

And she made him a soft bed on a cushion.

She promised that she would never dress him in doll's clothes again.

And after that they were great friends
and played together all day long.

ALLS WELL
THAT ENDS
WELL